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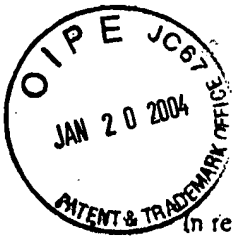
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It is respectfully requested in the matter of the above application that the time for response to the Office Action of September 22, 2003 be extended for a period of one month, or until January 22, 2004. Our check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 03-0088. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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